

Coal Projects

* 810. SHRI M.G. REDDY:
SHRI RAMA KRISHNA
KONATHALA:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for time and cost overruns of the coal projects in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether the Government have proposed to set up a committee to streamline the procedures to reduce time overruns therein; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOURA): (a) The main reasons for time overrun and consequent cost overrun of coal projects in the State of Andhra Pradesh are delay in acquisition of land, adverse geomining conditions, law and order problem and delay in supply of equipment.

(b) and (c). With a view of streamlining the procedures for formulation, implementation and monitoring of projects in the coal sector, Ministry of Coal had set up a Committee to examine all related aspects of formulation and implementation of coal projects. This committee has since submitted its report. Based on the suggestions made by the Committee, guidelines have been issued to all the coal companies in regard to improvement in the present practices of exploration, planning, appraisal, implementation and monitoring of coal projects.

SHRI M.G. REDDY: I want to know from the hon. Minister whether the Central Mines Planning and Design Institute Limited has collected any information regarding the availability of the coal reserves in the country, if so the estimated coal availability in each coalfield in the country and what are the steps going to be taken by the Govern-

ment for improving the coal production in the country.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): The question specifically relates to coal projects. I would not have all those figures readily with me now. I will supply them to him.

SHRI M.G. REDDY: I would like to know whether there has been any improvement in the coal production in the Singareni Collieries during January and February of this year, if so the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor.

SHRI P.A. SANGMA: Sir, the Singareni Collieries has performed the best so far in its history. This year they have not only achieved the target but also they have exceeded the target for the first time.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Land for Schools

* 800. SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:
SHRIMATI DIPIKA H. TOPIWALA

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the rate per acre being charged by the Delhi Development Authority for the land allotted for construction for construction of schools;

(b) the number of schools to which land was allotted by the Delhi Development Authority during 1990 and 1991;

(c) the area land allotted to each school; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure that the